Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Jerry Pontius is a 1957 graduate of Deadwood High School, and went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in 1961; and,

Whereas, Jerry married Jill Anfinson on June 26, 1959, and to that union three sons were born: David, Michael, and James, and they have presented them with 12 grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In 1961, Jerry began his career with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, returned to Deadwood in 1963 to manager Elmer's Repair, and in 1965, began his employment with Homestake Mining Company where he worked until his retirement in 1998; and,

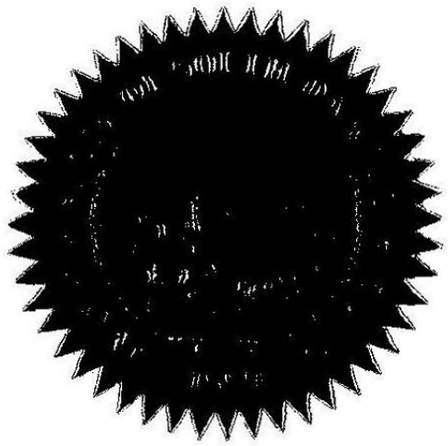
Whereas, Jerry has always been active in the community with his involvement in the Deadwood Jaycees, Soap Box Derby director, Little League coach, Terry Peak Ski Club, Deadwood Municipal Band, Spearfish Fireman's Band and the United Methodist Church; and,

Whereas, Jerry joined the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department in 1963, has served in several capacities at the local and state level, has also been recognized on both levels with numerous awards for his outstanding commitment to this service, and for these reasons the Deadwood Fire Department would like to honor Jerry at their annual banquet on February 21, 2004:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2004, as

JERRY PONTIUS DAY

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State